

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

EDWARD JOSEPH GUTIERREZ,

Petitioner,

v.

UNKNOWN, Warden

Respondent.

Civil No. 08-1784 BTM (RBB)

**ORDER DENYING WITHOUT  
PREJUDICE REQUEST FOR TOLLING**

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a letter asking the Court to toll the deadline for filing his habeas corpus petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The Court is without jurisdiction to extend the one-year statute of limitations of 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d)(1)(A)-(D), which provides that the limitation period shall run from the latest of:

(A) the date on which the judgment became final by the conclusion of direct review or the expiration of the time for seeking such review;

(B) the date on which the impediment to filing an application created by State action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the applicant was prevented from filing by such State action;

(C) the date on which the constitutional right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if the right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or

(D) the date on which the factual predicate of the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

28 U.S.C.A. § 2244(d)(1)(A)-(D) (2008).

1 The statute of limitations does not run while a properly filed state habeas corpus petition  
2 is pending. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(2); *see Nino v. Galaza*, 183 F.3d 1003, 1006 (9th Cir. 1999).  
3 *But see Artuz v. Bennett*, 531 U.S. 4, 8 (2000) (holding that “an application is ‘properly filed’  
4 when its delivery and acceptance [by the appropriate court officer for placement into the record]  
5 are in compliance with the applicable laws and rules governing filings.”). However, absent some  
6 other basis for tolling, the statute of limitations does run while a federal habeas petition is  
7 pending. *Duncan v. Walker*, 533 U.S. 167, 181-82 (2001).

8 Petitioner has not filed a Petition for writ of habeas corpus in this action. Therefore,  
9 unless Petitioner is a capital prisoner, he has not initiated habeas proceedings in this Court.  
10 *Calderon (Nicolaus) v. United States District Court*, 98 F.3d 1102, 1107 n. 3 (9th Cir. 1996)  
11 (stating that “[u]nlike non-capital prisoners who initiate habeas proceedings by filing a petition  
12 for a writ of habeas corpus, capital prisoners commence federal habeas proceedings by filing a  
13 request for appointment of counsel”); *McFarland v. Scott*, 512 U.S. 849 (1994). Petitioner does  
14 not contend that he is a capital prisoner, that is, a prisoner under sentence of death, and there is  
15 nothing in the documents he has submitted which indicates that he is a capital prisoner.

## CONCLUSION

17 For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner's request to toll the statute of limitations is **DENIED**  
18 without prejudice.

19 || IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 || DATED: October 16, 2008

Benny Ted Mackenzie

Honorable Barry Ted Moskowitz  
United States District Judge